GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have agreed for surveys by the World Food Programme of the wheatproposed to be donated to Afghanistan to ensure that it is not infected;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been carried out; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the survey?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a), (b) & (c): As part of our commitment to ameliorate the condition of Afthan people, the Government has committed to offer humanitarian assistance including provision of one million tonnes of wheat to internally and externally displaced Afghans and others in need. The Government has been in touch with various UN agencies, including the World Food Programme and is working out the modalities for sending humanitarian assistance of wheat to the Afghan people as early as possible. The World Food Programme has indicated that it would accept wheat, which meets its specifications.